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Upcoming Events



St. Anthony's wouldn't exist without the support of our generous benefactors and faithful volunteers. Our events and activities are a great way to learn more about our program while enjoying a special activity with your family and friends. If you have some time to share and would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. Here are just a few of the events happening in the next few months:

On Monday, April 11, 2016, St. Anthony's is once again partnering with McKamish, Incorporated as our Tournament Sponsor to host our annual golf event at Oakmont Country Club. Visit our website or contact us for information regarding sponsorships or attending the dinner portion of our event and/or the Golf Clinic.

On Wednesday, May 4, 2016, St. Anthony's will hold it's Annual Inclusive Games at SS. Simon & Jude School in Greentree. This is a unique event inspired by the Special Olympics, pairing St. Anthony School Programs students with their same age, general-education peers to compete individually and as a school against each of the other St. Anthony School Programs sites.

On Saturday, May 14, 2016, families, staff and friends of St. Anthony School Programs will participate in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community at Stage AE on Pittsburgh's North Shore. Registration for the Walk will begin in February. Visit our website in February to register to walk with us or sponsor a participating St. Anthony student or alumni.



On Thursday, June 2, 2016, St. Anthony's will celebrate it's 4th Annual Spirit of St. Anthony Breakfast at the Doubletree Hotel-Downtown Pittsburgh. Start your day off right with a hearty breakfast and fellowship as you learn more about upcoming projects at St. Anthony's. Additional information can be found on our website by clicking on the Events tab.

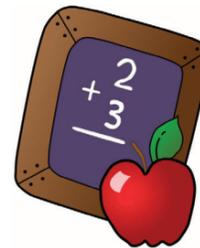


On Friday, July 15, 2016, St. Anthony's will partner with Pat Bostick, former PITT Football Quarterback and Director of Development for PITT Athletics, to host a Scholarship Golf Outing at Green Oaks Country Club in Verona. Sponsorships for all interests and budgets are available if you and/or your business would like to become more involved in this event. All proceeds benefit the St. Anthony Scholarship Fund to provide tuition assistance to our St. Anthony students and their families.

You can find additional information regarding upcoming events on our website www.stanthonykids.org or by contacting us at 724-940-9020 ext. 104.

Upcoming Events!

- **Annual Golf Outing at Oakmont Country Club, April 11th**
- **Inclusive Games, SS. Simon & Jude School, May 4th**
- **Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community, May 14th**
- **Spirit of St. Anthony Breakfast, Doubletree Hotel - Downtown Pittsburgh, June 2nd**
- **Scholarship Golf Outing, Green Oaks CC, July 15th**



Apples for Students Program

Registering your Giant Eagle Advantage Card is a simple way to support our students. Simply create an account by visiting www.gianteagle.com/Save/Supporting-Our-Schools/ and enter #1034 as our school code in the "My School Programs" section. This program allows us to earn points every time you shop which we redeem for needed classroom supplies. For more information, visit our website at www.stanthonykids.org and click on the "About" tab.



Important Tax Update

Congress has approved and President Obama has signed the PATH Act making the Individual Retirement Account Charitable Rollover and two other charitable giving incentives permanent law. The tax package did not expand the permanency to donor advised funds, but giving the Charitable Rollover that designation is a tremendous victory for community foundation philanthropy and for our individual donors. What it means to you: This giving option allows donors to make distributions from IRAs directly to charity and also receive tax savings.

- The advantage of the rollover is that the distribution is not recognized as taxable income to the individual.
- IRA owners who are 70-1/2 or older may direct up to \$100,000 from an IRA directly to qualifying charities.

Using the Rollover option for St. Anthony School Programs:

- You can create or add to an established scholarship, designated, or field-of-interest fund.
- You can use it to assist us in providing computers, equipment and therapists to enhance the communication skills of our students.

How to use the Rollover option to serve the community and your tax situation:

- Make the gift by the end of the year in order to qualify for a deduction on 2016 taxes.

If you would like to learn more about this giving option, please contact Foundation CEO, Jerry Gaughan, at 724-940-9020, ext. 103 or jgaughan@stanthonykids.org.

Annual Dinner and Auction

On Friday, October 16, 2015, St. Anthony School Programs celebrated its 18th Annual Dinner and Auction at the Omni William Penn Hotel.

We were blessed to have Kevin and Rosemarie Swain chair the event this year. With their help and the dedication of sixty volunteers, over 500 guests joined together for an evening of fun and fellowship. We also honored Tony More, a long-time supporter of St. Anthony's, with the Spirit of St. Anthony Award. We would like to thank all of our attendees and donors for making this year's event such a success. A special thank you goes out to the following individuals and companies who so generously sponsored our event:

Gold Sponsors

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The 2016 dinner will be held on October 21st at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. If you would like to learn more about this event, please contact us at 724-940-9020, ext. 104 or via email at hschmuck@stanthonykids.org.

New High School Classroom

Thanks to the generosity of the donors to the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh's The Church Alive!



Campaign, St. Anthony School Programs will be opening a new high school classroom at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic during the 2016/17 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our new classroom, please contact Lisa Hendrickson, at 724-940-9020, ext. 109 or at lhendrickson@stanthonykids.org.

We also have scholarships available for those that qualify. If you would like to learn more about St. Anthony's, contact us at 724-940-9020, info@stanthonykids.org or visit us online at www.stanthonykids.org and click on our admissions tab and complete the online application.

Prayer Table

This year, St. Anthony's is in need of a few items for our eight resource rooms. We are currently asking for the following items to be donated for use in each resource room: a framed picture of our Holy Father, Pope Francis and a newer, larger crucifix for each room. These items would be a spiritual reflection of our faith to instill and pass on to our precious children of God, as well as an inspiration to our staff of the special mission we have chosen. All of our resource rooms have a prayer table, which helps teachers incorporate our faith into the daily routines and instruction of our students.

If you would like to donate any of these items or make a monetary donation towards the purchase of these items, please contact Lisa George, at 724-940-9020, ext. 105 or lgeorge@stanthonykids.org.

In Loving Memory



Linda Awad was a paraprofessional for St. Anthony School Programs for over 25 years. She began her career at St. Anthony's in 1986 at our original Oakmont site working in the girls dormitory. Since our residential program at Oakmont closed, Linda has worked at various sites touching the lives of students and parents wherever she went. To our students, she was always an encouraging smile, a kind word and a caring friend. She was a kind, loving soul and we were blessed to have her touch our lives for so many years.

On December 31, 2015, Linda lost her battle with cancer. She will be truly missed by all those lucky to have known her. Here are just a few of the kind words we received from those that were blessed to have known her.

Maryann Belshock Reed (Former Employee) *"Linda Awad was one of the kindest, selfless souls I have ever met. She dedicated her life to helping the special children she worked with to be their best selves. I feel very blessed to have worked with and known such an amazing woman. Her spirit will live on in the hearts of her St. Anthony's family. Rest in peace."*

Renee Flaherty (Alumni Parent): *"Mary & Ms. Awad adored each other. She was always so positive and complimentary. She was very dedicated to her work. Her students were her everything! Ms. Awad will be greatly missed.....RIP"*

Dennis Govachini Jr. (Current Parent): *"We loved Mrs. Awad. She was a great and selfless person from a generation of people who took helping and teaching as service to God. We will miss her and her fine example."*

Lindsay Madore (Current Parent): *"The Madore family will miss you, Ms. Awad! Rest in peace. Thank you for being a wonderful part of our lives. Emily was so blessed to have you as her aide. God Bless you for dedicating your life to the St. Anthony program and to our children."*

